Production of Coal in Talcher

1945. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of coal in Talcher and Ib Valley coalfields during the last three years;

(b) the targets set for the production of coal in those coalfields during this period;

(c) whether steps are being taken by Government to increase the production of coal in those coalfields; and

(d) if so, the projections made for financial year 1995-96?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b) Coal production from Talcher and Ib Valley Coalfields located in Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. against the targets for the last three years i.e. 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 is as under:—

(Million Tonnes)

Year	Target	Actual
1992-93	21.92	23.14
1993-94	23.80	24.30
1994-95	25.00	27.32

(c) and (d) Steps have been taken to increase production of coal from these coalfields and six large capacity projects sanctioned by the Government are presently under implementation which will yield an annual production capacity of about 30 million tonnes on completion. In 1995-96 target for coal production from Talchar and Ib Valley Coalfields has been fixed as 30.75 million tonnes.

Bihar Government schemes pending with Central Government

1946. SHRI RAM DEO BHANDARI: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of such Schemes submitted by the Bihar Government which are lying pending with the Central Government for approval;

(b) what is the latest position regarding these Schemes;

(c) what are the reasons for inordinate delay in this regard; and

(d) by when they are likely to be approved finally?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) to (d) Schemes submitted in the Annual Plans are finalised in consultation with the State Government during Annual Plan discussions in the Planning Commission. In addition, Planning Commission accord approval for Irrigation and Power Projects from Investment angle. No scheme of Bihar Government is pending in the Planning Commission for approval/investment clearance.

Annual Growth Report of the World Bank

1947. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH:
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the portion marked in the Annual Growth Report of World Bank and the point quoted in para 18 of the said report wherein Government of India have been advised to keep the interest of labourers into consideration; and

(b) if so, what concrete initiative, in view of the above circumstances and facts has been taken by Government so far to expedite the enforcement of/compliance with the law relating to child labour exploitation and what has been the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) Government is not aware of such a report

(b) Apart from the prohibitory provisions under the various labour laws like the Factories Act, 1948, Mines Act, 1952, Bidi and Cigar Workers (Conditions of Employment) Act 1966, child labour is also prohibited in scheduled occupations/processes under the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986. All State Governments/UTs are enforcing the various provisions made under the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986. The